

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th October 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Members

Parish Members present:	Mr John Ling (Chair); Mr Chris Johnson, Mr David Skedje, Mrs Sally Leigh; Mrs Jean Bobbin
Apologies	Mr Derek Blake, Mrs Alison Freeman
In attendance	Cllr Adrian Gunson, Cllr John Fuller, Mrs P Fuller (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

1 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Sally Leigh proposed and John Ling seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th September are a true account. The Minutes were signed by The Vice Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

John Ling reported that he had a meeting with Robert Waters as land owner of the southern side of the landfill site land and Des Holmes from the County Council and an agreement had been reached on the southern boundary and a post and wire fence had now been erected.

4 Public Consultation

The Whiting family reported that a group of 'New Age Travellers' were occupying Whittings Brick Works the land is occupied by 9 caravans and a horse box – they are believed to have come from Sisland. At the moment it is agreed that they will move on in early December.

5 County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Adrian Gunson reported that the all weather surface at Hobart School would be going forward to the planning committee in the New Year, he also confirmed that out of hours this facility would be available to members of the public. The Park and Ride is to increase from £3.00 to £3.20 it is also subsidised to a tune of £1.6 million. The Mill Road drainage scheme is now completed. The grit and stones on the road approaching the HWRC and Sunnyside are being dealt with an accident study on the A146 including Hellington Corner and Mill Road crossroads would be undertaken shortly. There had been £1 million of road damage after the hot Summer at the moment the B1332 between Hedenham and Ditchingham is being resurfaced.. The disabled access at Loddon Library will be done next month and the steep slope on the pavement outside would be made safer. After Christmas a new drainage scheme will mean that the main road by Rockland will be closed for work. The call to make the Broads a National Park has been dropped.

John Fuller gave more detail about the travellers at the Whittings Brick Works, he has been in contact with the Whiting family and Mr Tony Cooke, the Gypsy and Travellers Officer at South Norfolk District Council he advised the Parish Council to write to the District Council **Action: Clerk: To write to District Council to Miss Helen Gapp, East Area Planning Officer to reiterate the wishes of the Parish Council that this is not to be considered a 'tolerated' site.**

6 Finance

A cheque was signed for £11.75 – an administrative fee to transfer the domain name berghapton.org.uk to the village. The bank balance is £6598.62 and the £1765.00 precept has been paid in to the account.

7 War Memorial Restoration

John Ling reported that 64 families had contributed to the war memorial restoration fund bringing the total to £1,430 plus £356.79 in gift aid bringing the total to £1,786.79 the target is £2,022.00 so there is a shortfall of £217.00. There will be a VAT bill OF £385.00 to pay on top of this so it was proposed that the Parish Council account will fund the VAT which will be repaid when the Clerk applies for the next VAT refund. The stonemasons will begin the cleaning and repair work on the war memorial on 23rd October in time for Remembrance Day. The Remembrance Day service is to be an official event for the Parish Council it will take place on November 12th at 10.40am at the Church.

8 Planning Applications

There were no plans to be approved.

9 Planning Decisions

Rose Cottage A & B, White Heath Road - - **Approved**

The Old Barns, White House Farm, School Road – Retrospective application for removal and renewal of roof. – **Approved**

It was noted that the decision to suspend the original planning permission for resubmission was actioned by the District Council and not Bergh Apton Parish Council.

10 Correspondence

Invitation for Chairman to attend a reception on 15th November hosted by Richard Carden Chairman of South Norfolk District Council – One of his objectives this year is to encourage more people to stand for election in May 2007 with a higher proportion of contested town and parish council elections – The Parish Council particularly agree with this point.

11 Risk Assessment

Overgrown bridleway from Welbeck Road to Church Road – Action Clerk

12 Items for Future Agendas

Update on the travellers at the Whiting Site
May 2007 election

13 Police Report

Clerk in contact with Police over the oak tree fire
Theft from motor vehicle, Church Rd 4/9/06, Violence against Person 5/9/06

14 Forthcoming Meetings

22/11/06;

**Dates for 2007: 3/1/07; 14/2/07; 28/3/07; 25/4/07 Annual Parish Meeting;
9/5/07 AGM; 27/6/07;12/9/07; 24/10/07; 5/12/07**

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk